

	Absent.
Bailey.	Stone.
Beall.	Turney.
Goss.	Yantis.
Gough.	Yett.

Excused.

Boren.	Linn, Wharton.
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Senator Tillett moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

Senator Colquitt moved that the Senate take a recess of 30 minutes.

Carried.

AFTER RECESS.

Senate called to order by Senator Linn of Victoria.

Senator Dibrell offered the following privileged report:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 31, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 12, a bill to be entitled "An act for the immediate relief of the citizens of El Paso city and El Paso county, who are sufferers from an unprecedented overflow and flood of water along the course of the Rio Grande, causing great destruction to life and property, and appropriating the sum of \$5000 therefor,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DIBRELL, Acting Chairman.

On motion of Senator Tillett, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

NINTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Tuesday, June 1.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Harrison.
Bowser.	Kerr.
Burns.	Lewis.
Colquitt.	Linn, Victoria.
Darwin.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.

Rogers.	Turney.
Ross.	Wayland.
Stafford.	Woods.
Stone.	Yantis.
Terrell.	Yett.
Tillett.	

Absent.

Bailey.	Goss.
Beall.	Gough.

Excused.

Boren.	Linn, Wharton.
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Prayer by the Rev. Nathan B. Thompson of Lockhart circuit, as follows:

We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, for an ever and open conference with Thee. We are glad Thine ear is always open to hear our prayer, and every one of us owns a good place in Thy great, loving heart. We thank Thee for making us in Thy image, with all the capabilities for growth in goodness, privileges of pleasure, and pursuance of those things that make us healthy, happy and helpful in this great, fragrant and fruitful world. We thank Thee for the special and immediate blessings which surround us this morning. We are glad to be citizens of Texas, the giant State of a great nation. Bless our representatives here assembled to-day. We are glad they are wise men, but O Lord, help them feel the need of, and may they get, that higher wisdom from above. Guide them in making us good laws. Bless our common country, from the smallest child in its far-away play-house to the Governor in his chair, our President in his exalted position, with all his helpers around him, and all our officers, even to the most obscure. For, O Lord, if Thou shalt bless us we shall be a great country indeed. Now, Father, in our private characters, as well as in our public lives, bless us, so when our bodies shall have perished we may be members of that higher, holier home above, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Atlee, the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator Yantis was excused for previous absences from the Senate.

On motion of Senator Bowser, Senator Yett was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate on yes-

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS:

By Senator Burns:

Houston, Texas, May 29, 1897.

Hons. Waller T. Burns, Senator; and John T. Browne and W. M. Holland, Representatives, Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen: At a joint meeting held by members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Confederate Veterans, the Texas Veterans and the Texas Volunteer Guard, for perfecting arrangements for the appropriate observance of Memorial Day on May 30, the following resolution, offered by Mr. G. W. Kidd, was unanimously adopted, viz.:

"Resolved, that the Legislature of the State of Texas, now in session, be memorialized to set apart May 30 as Memorial Day, making it a legal holiday, as has been done in a large majority of the other States and in the District of Columbia; and further, that his Excellency, Governor Charles A. Culberson, be respectfully petitioned to embrace said memorial in his call for action by the Legislature."

In conformity with the above resolution, we hereby present to you, and through you to the Legislature of the State of Texas, this our memorial, and earnestly request that you will, in the event of action being made possible by the Governor, take the proper steps to enact the law necessary to carry out the views we are appointed to represent, our object being to aid in the perpetuation of good feeling throughout the United States.

With much respect we are, respectfully,

G. W. KIDD, Chairman;

H. B. RICE, Mayor,

R. B. BAER, G. A. R.,

R. COCKE, T. V. G.,

T. B. HOWARD, U. C. V.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Senate bills Nos. 2, 3 and 6, each being a bill to be entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the State government for the years beginning March 1, 1897, and ending February 28, 1899, and for other purposes,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the

same back to the Senate with the recommendation that they do not pass, and to recommend that the accompanying committee bill be adopted as a substitute for the said several bills Nos. 2, 3 and 6.

STONE, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Colquitt:

Resolved, that the Committee on Public Printing be directed to inquire into the delay in printing senate bills at once.

Adopted.

Call concluded.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bill:

House bill No. 18, a bill to be entitled "An act for the immediate relief of the citizens of El Paso and El Paso county, who are suffering from the overflow of the Rio Grande during the past week, and appropriating \$5000 therefor."

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE, Chief Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred

House bill No. 18, a bill to be entitled "An act for the immediate relief of the citizens of El Paso and El Paso county, who are suffering from the overflow of the Rio Grande during the past week, and appropriating \$5000 therefor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STONE, Chairman.

(Senator Dibrell in the chair.)

Senator Terrell moved that the committee report on the appropriation bill be not printed.

Lost.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, the regular order of business was sus-

pending to take up House bill No. 18 (making an appropriation for the flood sufferers in El Paso county).

On motion of Senator Terrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Harrison.	Tillett.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn, Victoria.	Woods.
Morriss.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Bailey.	Gough.
Beall.	Greer.
Goss.	

Excused.

Boren. Linn, Wharton.

Bill read second time, and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Harrison.	Tillett.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn of Victoria.	Woods.
Morriss.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Bailey.	Gough.
Beall.	Greer.
Goss.	

Excused.

Boren. Linn of Wharton.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Burns.
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Darwin.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Harrison.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Tillett.
Linn of Victoria.	Turney.
Morriss.	Wayland.
Neal.	Woods.
Presler.	Yantis.
Rogers.	Yett.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Bailey.	Gough.
Beall.	Greer.
Goss.	

Excused.

Boren. Linn of Wharton.

The following committee report was sent up:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

In accordance with the resolution by Senator Colquitt, adopted this morning, I have, as chairman of the Committee on Public Printing, made a prompt investigation of the causes of delay on the part of the public printer in sending to us promptly the bills ordered printed. For report, I have to say:

The public printer informs me that the only bill he has on hand not printed and delivered is Senate bill No. 4 (the fee bill), and that he now has said bill almost ready to deliver; that by accident one page was "pied" this morning, and this caused the delay. The bill, he states, will be laid upon the desk of Senators in a half-hour or such a matter.

TILLET, Chairman.

Senator Wayland moved that the Senate adjourn to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Senator Colquitt moved that the Senate adjourn to 3 p. m.

The Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bowser.	Neal.
Darwin.	Ross.
Harrison.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	

Nays—10.

Burns.	Tillett.
Colquitt.	Turney.
Dibrell.	Woods.
Morriss.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bailey. Greer.
Beall. Presler.
Goss. Rogers.
Gough. Stone.

Excused.

Boren. Linn of Wharton.

TENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Wednesday, June 2.
Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Neal.
Bowser.	Presler.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yantis.
Morriss.	Yett.

Absent.

Bailey. Goss.
Beall.

Excused.

Boren. Linn of Wharton.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson, as follows:

Almighty God: We are but men, finite men, with natures bent toward the wrong, and only impulses for the good. We know but imperfectly how to begin life's duties, and can not foresee the ending. We realize that we are at a great disadvantage; therefore, we call upon Thee, the God of all wisdom and grace, and pray Thee most devoutly to bless us, forgive our sins, reinstate us in Thy favor, elevate and intensify our affections, make vigorous and pure our thoughts, and set us in the infinite spaces, and give us to know and feel the anxiety of Thy love concerning us. Direct the Senate to-day, we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Yett, the same was dispensed with.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 11, a bill to be entitled "An act defining an additional method of issuing and serving citations in district, county and justice courts, and defining their contents, and providing an additional method of making and serving certain certified copies and notices in legal proceedings,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 9, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2460, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, by adding articles 2460a, 2460b, 2460c, 2460d, relating to mileage charged by sheriffs and constables in civil cases,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 1, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4560g, of chapter 12b, title XCIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, on the subject of railroads, defining who are fellow-servants,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by a majority of said committee to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

We, a minority of your Judiciary